

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/774,558

Examiner

Edna Wong

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment dated June 21, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-20 and 22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §.119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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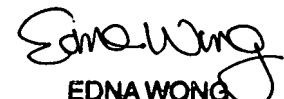
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

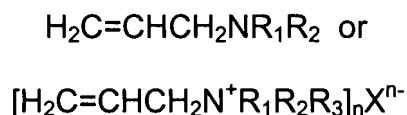
1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

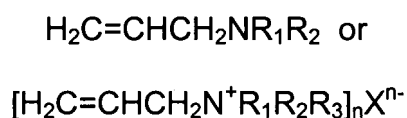
The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims **2-3, 11, 18-20 and 22** are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest a process for the electrodeposition of a nickel or nickel-alloy coating on a substrate, the process comprising the steps of immersing and electrodepositing as presently claimed, esp., wherein the bath comprises an additive having the general formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are selected from the functional groups consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, allyl, propanediol and combinations thereof; and X^{n-} is an n-valent inorganic or organic anion and n equals 1 or 2.

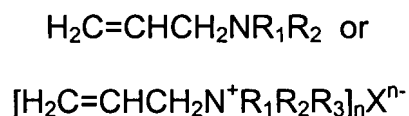
Claims **4, 10 and 12-17** are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest an aqueous acidic plating bath for the electrodeposition of a nickel or nickel alloy deposit on a substrate comprising: (a) nickel ions and (b) an additive having the general formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are selected from the functional groups consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, allyl, propanediol and combinations thereof; and X^{n-} is an n-valent inorganic or organic anion and n equals 1 or 2.

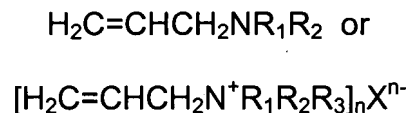
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Claim 5 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest an aqueous acidic plating bath for the electrodeposition of a nickel or nickel alloy deposit on a substrate comprising: (a) nickel ions, (b) at least one Class I brightener, and (c) an additive having the general formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are selected from the functional groups consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, allyl, propanediol and combinations thereof; and X^{n-} is an n-valent inorganic or organic anion and n equals 1 or 2.

Claim 6 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest an aqueous acidic plating bath for the electrodeposition of a nickel or nickel alloy deposit on a substrate comprising: (a) nickel ions, (b) at least one Class II brightener, and (c) an additive having the general formula:

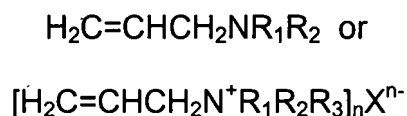


wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are selected from the functional groups consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, allyl, propanediol and combinations thereof; and X^{n-} is an n-valent inorganic or organic anion and n equals 1 or 2.

Claim 7 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest an aqueous acidic plating bath for the electrodeposition of a nickel or nickel alloy deposit on a substrate comprising: (a) nickel ions, (b) at least one Class I

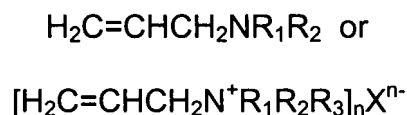
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brightener, (c) at least one Class II brightener, and (d) an additive having the general formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are selected from the functional groups consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, allyl, propanediol and combinations thereof; and X^{n-} is an n-valent inorganic or organic anion and n equals 1 or 2.

Claims 8 and 9 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest an aqueous acidic plating bath for the electrodeposition of a nickel or nickel alloy deposit on a substrate comprising: (a) nickel ions, (b) alloying metal ions, (c) at least one Class I brightener, (d) at least one Class II brightener, and (e) an additive having the general formula:



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are selected from the functional groups consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, allyl, propanediol and combinations thereof; and X^{n-} is an n-valent inorganic or organic anion.

The prior art does not contain any language that teaches or suggests the above. *Ostrow* teaches diallyl propargyl amine and triallyl propargyl amine. Therefore, a person skilled in the art would not have been motivated to adopt the above conditions, and a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be established.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

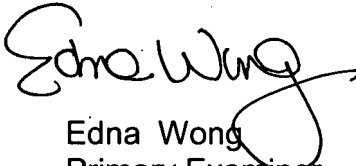
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edna Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-1349. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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